



**Sunday Masses (Webcam):**

*SS John & Paul Church : Saturday 6:30 pm.  
Sunday 12 noon.*

*Mary Immaculate Church : Sunday 10:30 am*

**Daily Masses (Webcam):**

*Mary Immaculate Church : Tuesday -Friday 10 am  
Saturday: 11 am*

*SS John & Paul Church : Friday 7 pm*

**SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>



**February 2nd, 2025  
The Presentation of the Lord**

**Priest on duty this week: Fr. Tom Whelan**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to: Caroline Stewart, on the death of her mother, Alice Downey, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. The O'Leary family on the death of Lynda O'Leary, Fearnóg. May they rest in eternal peace.**

**Months Mind Mass for Deirdre Moroney will be celebrated Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.**

**First Anniversary Mass for: James (Jim) Bedford will be celebrated Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Damien Birchall will be celebrated Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church.**

**Anniversaries: Danny Keane and Irene Keane, Baby Kaylah Marie Murphy and Linda O'Connell. Frances and John Guilfoyle, Ann Marie Harrington, Rosaleen Hasty, Bob Haugey, Marian Hogan, Jim and Eileen Kennedy, Ian McDonnell, Jim Slattery, Patrick Smith, Robert (Bob) Stackpoole, deceased members of the Shannon Musical Society and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Monthly Music Session at Wolfe Tones**

Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9pm in Wolfe Tones na Sionna GAA. Special guests on the night are The Kirbys. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome.

**Last Sunday's Collection & Second Collection**

Last Sunday's collection was €1,723. The second collection in support of the Diocesan Administration Appeal was €1,360. As always, we thank you for your support and great generosity.

**Prayer for Priests Group**

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers next Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> (second Saturday of the month) for one hour from 9.15am – 10.15am in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome to come together to pray for our Bishops, Priests and each other.

**Sanctuary Lamps**



Box of sanctuary lamps lasting four months in our Churches for special intentions are available for €25. Donations can be left into the Sacristy or Parish office with your intentions list. Donors intentions this week are for Michael and Teresa McAllen and Betty and Denise Hayes.

**Family Tree Healing and Deliverance Retreat**

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries are holding a Two day Residential retreat at St Flannan's in Ennis beginning Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am to Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Praise and worship/ Confession/ Holy Mass/ Word of God/ Eucharistic Adoration/ Healing Service/ One to One prayer.

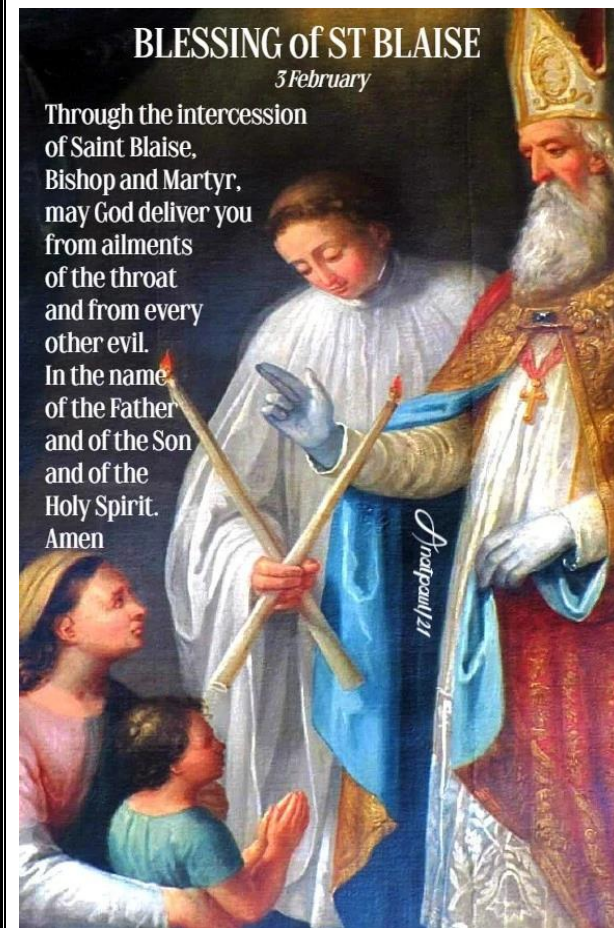
Total cost including accommodation and food is €125 per person. For booking and payment please call any of these numbers: Dinto 089 2777229 or Josephine 087 2113389.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Feast of St. Blaise**

This Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of the throats will take place at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS. John and Paul Church.

**BLESSING of ST BLAISE**  
5 February

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*May almighty God have mercy on Us..... Amen.*

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Malachi 3: 1-4

*A reading from the prophet Malachi*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

World Day for Consecrated Life 2nd February 2025  
Forty days ago Jesus was born: now we see him as the light to enlighten all peoples and to guide them on the way to salvation and glory.

will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23: 7 - 10

**R. Who is the king of glory?  
It is the Lord.**

1. O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R)**

2. Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R)**

3. O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R)**

4. Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. **(R)**

### SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 14-18

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 2: 22-40 (or \*2: 22-32)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

\*When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see. A light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.\*

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming

a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*All bow for following two lines:*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.**

